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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

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ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.
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For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

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Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East,
Hongkong, February 15, 1879.

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RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON FIXED DEPOSITS.

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Hongkong, November 23, 1878.

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On Current Accounts, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS.

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For Sale.

RECENTLY ARRIVED.

FOR SALE.

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A Fine Selection of SHERRIES. Very Fine "O. R." BOURBON WHISKY. CHATEAU DE FRANCOIS. (A fine full flavoured Breakfast CLARET.) BRANDIES. GIN. LIQUEURS. ALES, &c.

LAMMERT, ATKINSON & CO.
Hongkong, February 21, 1879.

FOR SALE.

EUGENE RIMMEL'S TROPICAL FLOWER WATER.

TRADE MARK
SUPERIOR TO ALL SIMILAR PREPARATIONS.
VOGEL & Co.,
Sole Agents for China.
Hongkong, February 19, 1879. my10

Intimations.

THE CHINESE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given, that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above-named Company, will be held at the Company's Office, No. 39, Queen's Road, in the city of Victoria, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 10th day of March next, at 3 p.m., for the purpose of passing certain Special Resolutions providing for the following alterations in the Constitution and Articles of Association of the Company; viz:—

- 1.—That the Business of the Company be in future managed by a Board of Directors and a Secretary instead of the former and General Agents as heretofore.
- 2.—That if in the opinion of the Directors the Business of the Company in any year be such as not to Warrant the Payment of Interest at 12 per cent. per annum on the Paid-up Capital, they may during such year reduce such Rate to such lower amount as they may consider desirable for the Interests of the Company.
- 3.—To enable the Directors if a necessity shall arise to pay such Interest on any part thereof out of the Reserve Fund.
- 4.—To provide that when there shall be profits applicable for dividend the same shall be divisible as the Shareholders in Meeting shall determine.
- 5.—That Fourteen Days instead of Thirty Days notice may be given of all Meetings of the Company.
- 6.—That Clause 147 of the Articles of the Company be expunged, leaving future changes in the Regulations of the Company to be made as provided for by Ordinance No. 1 of 1865.

NOTICE is hereby also given, that a Second EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company, will be held at the same Hour and Place on MONDAY, the 24th day of March next, for the purpose of Confirming such Special Resolutions as may be passed at the First mentioned Meeting.

Dated this Third day of February, 1879.

By Order,
J. BRADLEE SMITH,
General Agent.

For Sale.

EX LATE ARRIVALS.

WOOLLEN SOCKS, DRAWERS and UNDERSHIRTS.
LETT'S DIARIES. LETT'S DIARIES.
RIDING WHIPS, BRIDLES and PONY HARNESS.
RUG STRAPS, YORK HAMS, CHIT BOOKS.
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The New Patent LIFE VESTS.
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SALAMANDERS for Heating Baths.

WORKS OF REFERENCE, California APPLES.
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DAMASK for Table Cloths, STATIONERY.

PATENT WATER CLOSETS, POCKET BOOKS.
DOG COLLARS and CHAINS, TENNIS BALLS.
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Ladies' and Gentlemen's DRESSING BAGS, Fitted.
AIR CUSHIONS, BILLIARD BALLS.
SHORT SAIDERS with SWORD BAYONETS.
BASS'S ALE,
GUINNESS'S STOUT, Bottled by FOSTER.
Dass in Hhds., SACCOONE'S SHERRIES.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, January 9, 1879.

Intimations.

THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the EIGHTH ORDINARY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Head Office, Victoria, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 24th March, 1879, at 3 o'clock P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1878. The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 10th March to the 24th March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
J. BRADLEE SMITH,
General Agent.

Hongkong, February 19, 1879. ma24

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND declared for the Half-year ending 31st December last, at the Rate of ONE POUND Sterling (£1 Stg.) per Share of £125, is PAYABLE on and after MONDAY, the 17th Current, at the Office of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 15, 1879.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TENTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, 39, Queen's Road, Victoria, at HALF-PAST TWO o'clock in the Afternoon of MONDAY, the 24th February next, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1878. The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 11th to the 24th February, both days inclusive.

By Order,
JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 24, 1879. fe24

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of MEMBERS of THE HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, will be held at the City Hall, on WEDNESDAY, the 26th February, 1879, at 3.30 p.m.

By Order,
E. GEORGE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, February 17, 1879. fe26

NOTICE.

MRS. J. F. ROSE begs to intimate to the Ladies of HONGKONG, CANTON and the Coast Ports that on the 1st MARCH she will OPEN a DRAPEY and DRESS-MAKING Business in the Premises lately occupied by Messrs. ROSE & Co., next door to the Hongkong Hotel, Queen's Road.

All communications to be addressed to Mrs J. F. ROSE, as the Business will be conducted on her sole account.

Hongkong, February 1, 1879. ma1

DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. ROGERS will visit SHANGHAI during the Summer Months, leaving Hongkong on the 1st of April next.

Hongkong, February 10, 1879.

Intimations.

NAVAL CONTRACT, 1879-80.

SEALED TENDERS, in duplicate, will be received by the Undersigned, until Noon on TUESDAY, the 25th Instant, from Persons desirous of SUPPLYING the following ARTICLES for the use of H. M. Navy for the Year 1879-80, viz:—

BISCUIT. RAISINS.
SOFT BREAD. RICE.
FRESH BEEF. SUGAR.
FRESH VEGETABLES. TEA.
WATER.

Printed Forms of Tenders and further particulars can be obtained at the Naval Storekeeper's Office.
The right to reject the lowest or any Tender is reserved.

J. BRENNER,
Storekeeper.

H. M. Victualling Yard,
Hongkong, February 11, 1879. fe26

G. FALCONER & Co.,
WATCH AND CHRONOMETER MANUFACTURERS, AND JEWELLERS.

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS AND BOOKS.
43, Queen's Road Central,
Hongkong, February 20, 1879. ma20

NOTICE.

FROM the 1st of OCTOBER, DR. EASTLAKE will receive his PATIENTS at his new DENTAL ROOMS, No. 50, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, over the MEDICAL HALL.
Hongkong, September 23, 1878.

F. HUTCHINGS begs to announce to the Community of Hongkong that he will be able to supply BEEF, MUTTON, &c., from 1st October, and trusts that they may grant him their support.

SHOP—WELLINGTON STREET, opposite the Cathedral.
Hongkong, September 20, 1878.

Entertainment.

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL, HONGKONG.

THE HONGKONG CHORAL SOCIETY will Repeat their PERFORMANCE of SULLIVAN'S NAUTICAL OPERA, in Two Acts, Entitled:

"H. M. S. PINAFORE," OR "THE LASS THAT LOVED A SAILOR."

To-morrow Evening, the 22nd Instant.

Doors Open at 8.30 p.m.; Performance to Commence at 9.

Tickets may be procured and Seats reserved at Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.'s Store until To-morrow (SATURDAY), at Noon, and no Tickets will be sold at the doors of the Theatre. No person will be admitted without Tickets.

G. B. EMORY,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, February 21, 1879. fe23

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR SINGAPORE, PORT DARWIN, BRISBANE, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Calling off the usual Coast Ports, and taking through Cargo and Passengers for New Zealand.)

The Eastern and Australian Mail Steam Co.'s Steamer "BRISBANE," Captain REDDELL, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 22nd Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Hongkong, February 11, 1879. fe22

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCOW.

The Steamship "DOUGLAS," Capt. M. YOUNG, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 23rd Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, February 20, 1879. fe23

FOR YOKOHAMA & HIOGO.

The Steamship "TEVIOT," expected here on or about the 24th Instant, will have immediate despatch for the above Ports.

For Freight or Passage, apply to ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, February 20, 1879.

Shipping.

Steamers.

AUSTRALASIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR PORT DARWIN, COOKTOWN, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.

Taking Cargo and Passengers for all Australasian and New Zealand Ports, TASMANIA, NEW CALEDONIA & FIJI.

The Company's Steamship "OCEAN," EDWARDSON, Commander, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 5th Proximo, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GEO. R. STEVENS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, February 13, 1879. ma3

FOR YOKOHAMA & HIOGO.

The Steamship "SAINT MARK," Capt. T. J. JOHNSON, shortly expected from Singapore, will have immediate despatch as above.

For Freight or Passage, apply to MEYER & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, February 13, 1879.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR VICTORIA (VANCOUVER'S ISLAND).

The A 1 American Bark "HELENE," Captain SNOW, will load here for the above Port, and have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, February 13, 1879. ma10

FOR PORTLAND (OREGON).

The A 1 American Bark "COLOMA," Captain HALL, will load here for the above Port, and have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, February 13, 1879. ma13

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The A 1 American Ship "MATCHLESS," Captain DAWES, will load here for the above Port, and have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, February 13, 1879. ma13

FOR LONDON.

The A 1 British Bark "STRACATHRO," MILLAR, Master.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL & Co.

Hongkong, February 13, 1879.

FOR HAMBURG.

The 3/3 L. 11 German Schooner "KULPEE," Master.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL & Co.

Hongkong, February 5, 1879.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The A 1 American Ship "BLACK HAWK," HOWLAND, Master.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL & Co.

Hongkong, January 30, 1879.

FOR LONDON.

The 3/3 L. 11 Norwegian Ship "SUMARLIDE," TONLASEN, Master.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL & Co.

Hongkong, January 30, 1879.

FOR HONOLULU.

The A 1 American Barkentine "MIGNON," SOULE, Master.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL & Co.

Hongkong, January 30, 1879.

FOR NEW YORK.

The A 1 British Bark "HAZELHURST," GOUDEY, Master.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL & Co.

Hongkong, January 30, 1879.

sold at Messrs Lane, Crawford & Co.'s until noon to-morrow, and that no tickets will be available thereafter. Persons unprovided with tickets will not be admitted.

We note the arrival by the M. M. steamer *Djennah* of the Hon. Mr. Marsh, our new Colonial Secretary. The arrival of this gentleman will somewhat change the Government machinery and do away with acting appointments. One of the Acting Magistrates will act no more for the present in that capacity, as Mr. Marsh will, we believe, resume his duties as Chief Police Magistrate on Monday.

Those who know Mr. H. St. L. Magnus will be sorry to learn of his sudden death in England—on the 10th instant, the last day of our Race Meeting, in which he always took so keen interest. Mr. Magnus, as partner in the leading firm in China, and for many years a resident of Hongkong, was closely identified with the life of the Colony, and especially with the sports in which Englishmen take so much pride. He was a generous-hearted gentleman, and poor residents will remember even yet numerous instances of his open-handedness.

We regret to learn of the death of Deputy-Commissionary R. O. Baker, of the Commissariat and Transport Department, which took place at Yokohama on the 12th inst. Mr. Baker was an active officer, and highly esteemed by his brother officers. His appointment of Deputy Purveyor is dated Feb. 22, 1861, and he was about to retire from the service. About a couple of months ago the deceased took a trip to Japan, but without any benefit. He was 53 years of age.

THE RACE BALL was held last night, and formed a very fitting conclusion to the pleasant Race Meeting of 1879. There was a very good attendance of ladies, and dancing was kept up with spirit until a late hour in the morning. Among those present were—H. E. the Governor and Mrs. Hennessy, Admiral Dubouquet (commanding the French squadron), Major-General and Mrs. Donnan, Lady Suala, Prince Matsumata, and many other naval, military, and consular officers, with several visitors, and nearly all the leading residents of the Colony. As is usual on such occasions the decorations were in the "horsey" style, the various colours worn by the different jockeys being exhibited on the grand staircase, artistically arranged among leaves and flowers. Several representations of mokey done in leaves attracted general attention; and one was particularly admired, bearing, as it did at a little distance, a most striking resemblance to the "Demon" (Mr. Hutchings) landing *Giths* as the winner of the Hongkong Derby. The appropriate device of hoisting the numbers of each stand on the frame used at the Grand Stand was again adopted. Music was supplied by the Band of the 74th Highlanders. Some of the trophies of former racing days in China were shown in the supper room, among which were the fine old Challenge Cup now the property of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.—the well-known battle piece—and one or two Shanghai prizes. Only the Subscription Challenge and Garrison Cups of this year, and the Naval Plate of last year, were displayed on this occasion, the Naval Plate won at this meeting and the other prizes not being forthcoming.

(L. and C. Express, Jan. 10th.)

The *Gazette* contains a notification that the Queen has been pleased to approve of Mr. Gustave Delougraye as Consul at Hongkong for the French Republic.

A telegram from Sydney announces that the strike of seamen directed against the employment of Chinese sailors has terminated.

The third class cruiser *Kerguelen*, commanded by Captain Mathieu, was commissioned at Cherbourg on the 28th Dec., to proceed to the China Seas, via the Suez Canal. This vessel is to relieve the *Argo*, retained to the naval division of New Caledonia. The transport *Chelce* *La Cour*, commanded by Captain Pellissier-Panon, made a trial of her machinery on the 15th ult., and will depart from Toulon for Saigon on the 20th inst.

The following appointments to the China Squadron are gazetted:—Commander—Stuart H. Kirman, 1878, to *Arcton*, vice Duppis, promoted. Captain the Hon. A. D. S. Denison, 1878, to *Endeavour*. Lieutenants, C. H. Bayley, 1878, to *Endeavour*, F. E. Groube, 1878, to *Endeavour*, Sub-Lieutenants, L. Williams, 1878, to *Endeavour*, Staff-Surgeon Matthew Coates, to *Endeavour*, Paymaster William Rhodes, to *Endeavour*, Surgeon James B. Armstrong, to *Endeavour*, Chief-Engineer George Quick, to *Endeavour*, Engineer A. B. Gutteridge, to *Endeavour*, Assistant-Engineer F. W. Parkes, to *Endeavour*, Midshipman F. R. Morgan, to *Iron Duke*, Naval Cadet L. E. Treherne, to *Charybdis*, Clerk H. W. Braden, to *Endeavour*, O. W. Kiddle, to *Iron Duke*.

Mr. J. B. Taylor and Mr. Alfred Howell, Honorary Secretaries, have issued a circular to the subscribers to the fund for the endowment of a Chinese Professorship at Oxford, announcing that the net receipts amount to £3,000, and that pending the decision of the authorities of the University of Oxford regarding the permanent endowment of the Chair of the Chinese Language and Literature, this sum has been deposited with the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, at five per cent. per annum. This interest is paid half yearly to Professor Legge.

Canton.

February 19, 1879.

Referring to our reports of the 17th and 18th and the enclosed copy of the Vice-Roy's proclamation ostensibly conceding the contention of the disaffected in regard to the impost on fire-wood, which was posted yesterday, we must add that sinister rumors of actual exactions contradict the inference that the question is definitively closed in their favor. Neither are we permitted to hope that the existing vices of the general fiscal system—whereby the rights of impost upon the necessities of life are habitually farmed out to associations of speculative and greedy capitalists who abuse the warrant thus accorded in proportion to the helplessness of the consuming classes until the burdens become intolerable and tumult ensues—can be effectively dealt with by the present local administration. With a sincere desire of amelioration, the Vice-Roy does not enjoy a prestige entitling him to initiative in radical reforms involving the vested interests of powerful associations whose clamor would be echoed at Peking; and the inevitable consequence is that the incidence of taxation falls heaviest upon the poorer, helpless classes.

As to the Opium monopoly question, that is significantly ignored by the Vice-Roy in his proclamation, it is obvious that the gains of the farmers will be very large, and that to legitimately entitle themselves to its renewal, they should engage to appropriate a third or more of them to the purpose suggested in our note of the 17th instant.

February 20, 1879.

No new development of the habitually tentative policy pursued toward popular demonstrations has transpired since our report of last evening, and as the military guard posted near the Houqua mansions, at Shap-pat-poo, has been reduced, we may infer an indefinite postponement of hostile controversy; but not, as yet, the permanent establishment of reciprocal confidence between the Authorities and the aggrieved multitude.

Please note the misprint, overlooked by your compositor yesterday, of "antiquity of the two dwellings" for "contiguity of the two dwellings."

THE KATE WATERS TRAGEDY.

ARREST OF SOME OF THE CREW—THE SERANG'S STORY.

The S. S. *Ulysses*, which arrived here today from Liverpool and Singapore, brought seven members of the crew of the ill-fated barque *Kate Waters*. They were sent here by the authorities of Singapore in charge of seven constables, and are as nice a set of cut-throat-looking rascals as one would wish to meet anywhere. One of the seven is, we believe, a native of Mauritius and speaks English very well, while he appears to be more of a Negro than a Malay. (This man is kept separate from the other six, as he is a witness against them. His version of the story is that the vessel lay for about fifteen days outside Green Island after she cleared out of Hongkong, that she then beat up, and after about three weeks' battling against a head wind got close to the coast of Formosa. The Captain, he says, was a man of a very violent temper, and he used to drink very freely. He was in the habit of continually beating and knocking the men about; the mate and second mate were not so bad, but they also beat the men, instigated by the Captain. The last time the Captain was seen alive by this man (the Serang) was the evening before he was murdered. He had asked the man if all was quiet forward, and he replied that it was. The Serang then went and turned in, and he believes the Captain did the same. The Chief Officer was on watch, but was often in the habit of taking forty winks when all was quiet. The Serang had no suspicions of what was going to occur, and the first intimation he had of anything unusual having taken place was his being awakened by the ship rolling heavily. He got up went out on deck and found the crew putting the vessel before the wind. He enquired who gave them orders, and they told him never to mind. On going aft he saw a lot of blood on the decks, and learnt from the cook (a Chinaman) that the Captain and the other two Europeans had been murdered. There were now on board three Chinese, viz., the cook, steward, and carpenter, the Serang and nine Malay seamen. The Malays took charge of the ship and ordered the Serang to steer for Hongkong. The Serang pleaded his inability to do so, owing to his ignorance of navigation; one of the Malays then told him to steer S.W., and later on East. The ship at length neared an island which proved to be the Island of Palawan. One of the boats having been provisioned, the Serang was ordered to go ashore and scuttle the vessel. This being done, he was ordered to go on shore and get some water. He thought the order strange, but feared to disobey. When he got on shore the others followed, and the Serang, who was a little distance off, heard one of the

ask one of the Chinese to pick up something from the ground. The man was in the act of complying when his head was nearly severed from his body by a blow from an axe. The Serang, seeing this, ran away round the island and hid amongst some shrubs. The other two Chinamen were both disposed of in like manner by these bloodthirsty miscreants. Whilst hidden amongst the brushwood the murderers passed close to his place of concealment, and he heard one man say "We must find that fellow and kill him, as he can speak English, and will be getting us into a mess." Some of the others laughed at the idea, saying that he could never get off the island and would die of starvation. It would appear, so far as we can learn, that the Malays then left the island, intending to go to Bangkok, and that after they had gone the Serang observed a boat and hailed it. The boat saw the signal, answered it and took him on board, when he found his way to Bangkok. The Malays landed on an island close to Bangkok river. The story after this gets a little "mixed." The King of Siam appears to have got hold of the story, and then put him into a small cage where he was detained for one month. Three out of the nine Malays "smelt a rat" and escaped, the other six, with the Serang, being sent to Labuan, then to Singapore and finally on to this port. They will probably be taken before the Magistrate to-morrow, when the true state of affairs may be made known.

Police Intelligence.

(Both Magistrates Sitting.)

21st February, 1879.

CARRYING AN EXCESSIVE NUMBER OF PASSENGERS.

The masters of the river steamers *Kinshan* and *Powan*, were summoned for carrying an excessive number of passengers on the 17th and 18th instants respectively. The *Kinshan* is alleged to have had 1100 in excess, and the *Powan* 933. Mr. Brereton appeared on behalf of the defendants, and asked for an adjournment till Wednesday next, at noon, in order to procure the attendance of a witness. Mr. Sharp, who appeared to prosecute on behalf of the Crown, offering no objection, the case was adjourned accordingly.

STEAM LAUNCHES.

The masters of steam launches *Blanche* and *Ngonlong* were charged by Inspector Matheson with carrying passengers in excess of the number they are allowed. The master of the *Blanche* was fined £25 under Sec. 6 of Ord. 8 of 1875, but no conviction was obtained in the case of the *Ngonlong* as the money-taker came forward and deposited as to the number of persons he issued tickets to.

"HUNG THE BELL, WATCHMAN."

Kwan Ahn, a watchman at the Fire Brigade Station No. 5 Police Station, was charged by Mr. Carl Wessens, Assistant Engineer of the Fire Brigade, with neglect of duty as a watchman, in not ringing the Fire Bell about 1 a.m. of the 20th.

Defendant admitted having seen the fire, but said that not knowing where it was he did not ring the bell. He was convicted of a breach of the regulations made under Ord. 4 of 1868 and fined \$5 or 7 days' imprisonment.

A BAD "CASE."

Thomas King, an engineer unemployed, and having no fixed place of abode, was charged with being drunk and incapable. Defendant admitted a former conviction for drunkenness and was not ordered to be more of a Negro than a Malay. (This man is kept separate from the other six, as he is a witness against them. His version of the story is that the vessel lay for about fifteen days outside Green Island after she cleared out of Hongkong, that she then beat up, and after about three weeks' battling against a head wind got close to the coast of Formosa. The Captain, he says, was a man of a very violent temper, and he used to drink very freely. He was in the habit of continually beating and knocking the men about; the mate and second mate were not so bad, but they also beat the men, instigated by the Captain. The last time the Captain was seen alive by this man (the Serang) was the evening before he was murdered. He had asked the man if all was quiet forward, and he replied that it was. The Serang then went and turned in, and he believes the Captain did the same. The Chief Officer was on watch, but was often in the habit of taking forty winks when all was quiet. The Serang had no suspicions of what was going to occur, and the first intimation he had of anything unusual having taken place was his being awakened by the ship rolling heavily. He got up went out on deck and found the crew putting the vessel before the wind. He enquired who gave them orders, and they told him never to mind. On going aft he saw a lot of blood on the decks, and learnt from the cook (a Chinaman) that the Captain and the other two Europeans had been murdered. There were now on board three Chinese, viz., the cook, steward, and carpenter, the Serang and nine Malay seamen. The Malays took charge of the ship and ordered the Serang to steer for Hongkong. The Serang pleaded his inability to do so, owing to his ignorance of navigation; one of the Malays then told him to steer S.W., and later on East. The ship at length neared an island which proved to be the Island of Palawan. One of the boats having been provisioned, the Serang was ordered to go ashore and scuttle the vessel. This being done, he was ordered to go on shore and get some water. He thought the order strange, but feared to disobey. When he got on shore the others followed, and the Serang, who was a little distance off, heard one of the

STRAGGLER.

Alexander Ostrom, a seaman, was charged with being a straggler from the American ship *Paul Revere*, and was ordered to be sent to his Consul.

TRAGEDY.

Chan Afat, described as a gardener, Lo Ahung, his wife, and Yung Lin Tai, a married woman, known as the wife of a notorious criminal, were charged on remand by Inspector Cameron with being found in possession of certain articles of clothing and pawn-tickets relating to clothing, stolen from a house at Wong-mai-chung. The property was found at the house of the first defendant, who said his wife had brought the articles from three men during his absence. The 2nd defendant said she bought the things from three men; but their stories did not tally. There were also several implements used by house-breakers found in the house, and the 2nd defendant accounted for this by saying that the three men who had sold her the things had left them behind the door.

Mr. Oragh filed the first defendant \$25 or three months' hard labour for unlawful possession; the second defendant was discharged, as she appeared to be the wife of the first; and the third defendant was convicted of unlawful possession, but cautioned and discharged as she appeared to have received the property from her husband who is known to be a notorious criminal.

LAZARITY.

Wong Ahung, a water cooler, was sent to 6 months' hard labour and ordered to be exposed in the stocks for four hours for stealing an iron fire-grate. They were caught in the act of breaking up the stove at the back of some of the ruins of the great fire.

ALLEGED BRUTAL ASSAULT.

The remanded case in which three men named Tang Ahing, Tang Chung Mao, and Kan Kwai Chai, were charged with brutally assaulting one Ho Ah, a water cooler, came on again for hearing to-day. Mr. Francis dismissed the case, as there was not sufficient evidence to connect the defendants with having inflicted the wounds from which the complainant was suffering.

FOND OF FUNDING.

Kong Ah, a widow, and Wong Afat, a cooler, were charged with being found in the unlawful possession of 3 blankets and 5 pieces of pudding on the 20th instant. The 2nd prisoner admitted being in possession of the articles named, but said that he picked them up in the street on the night of the late fire. The 1st defendant was discharged, but the 2nd was fined \$25 or 3 months' imprisonment with hard labour.

ARRIVAL OF THE FRENCH MAIL.

The M. M. steamer *Djennah*, Captain Hernandez, from Marseilles, with the London mail of the 11th January, arrived here this morning.

TELEGRAMS.

(Straits Times Extra.)

Paris, Feb. 6.—The New President has sent a message to the Chamber which expresses devotion to parliamentary and republican institutions.

London, Feb. 7.—Latest advices from the Cape report that skirmishes have taken place with the Zulu Kaffirs, but the British loss has been trifling. The Zulus are retreating into the interior of the country.

Constantinople, Feb. 8, (midnight).—The Russian Ambassadors and the Turkish Minister for Foreign Affairs signed the definitive Treaty of Peace this evening.

The evacuation of territory by the Russian troops will begin to-morrow February 9th and is to be finished by March 16th. Podgoritz has been handed over to Montenegro.

London, Feb. 8.—The Marquis of Hartington in the course of a speech at Liverpool yesterday explained the programme (of the liberal party). To complete measures for the County Franchise, rearrange seats, to settle uniform local government, religious equality and reduction of local taxation.

The Board of Trade returns of imports for the past month amounts to 263 millions showing a decrease of 42 millions. The Board of Trade return of exports for the past month amounts to 147 millions showing a decrease of 17 millions.

The Dock labourers and sailors at Liverpool have struck work.

London, Feb. 9.—The Crown Dominions in Cyprus have been purchased by Great Britain.

The definitive Treaty of Peace annuls the Treaty of San Stefano and fixes the indemnity at three hundred million paper roubles.

The payment of the indemnity will be arranged later.

London, Feb. 10.—News just received from the Cape announces the almost entire annihilation of H. M.'s 24th Regiment together with six hundred friendly natives in an attack made by twenty thousand Zulu Kaffirs. Sixty British officers and five hundred soldiers were killed, the Zulu loss amounting to about five thousand.

Natal is in great danger. Reinforcements have been demanded by the Governor and High Commissioner.

(From Indian Papers.)

St. Petersburg, Jan. 25.—Russia has agreed to evacuate the territory now occupied 85 days after the signing of the definitive treaty of peace.

London, Jan. 25.—Frequent Cabinet Councils are being held.

Councils closed at 9, being a fall of 1/2 on previous quotation.

Both Germany and Austria contemplate the institution of a sanitary cordon on the Russian frontier should the plague increase, and also in consequence of conflicting accounts to send doctors to the infected districts to ascertain the actual state of affairs. It is asserted upon authoritative information that the Ameer will not go to St. Petersburg.

Alexandria, Jan. 26.—Arrangements have been made to establish a National Bank of Egypt with a capital of pounds 4,000,000.

London, Jan. 26.—The Accountant-General for the Crown testified at the trial of the Directors of the City of Glasgow Bank that last year the Bank advanced pounds 2,849,000 to eight firms.

Lord Cranbrook, Secretary of State for India, will receive a deputation from the Manchester Chamber of Commerce on the subject of Indian import duties on the 4th February.

The settlement of the Egyptian floating debt has been indefinitely postponed in consequence of a judgment for creditors sequestrating that portion of the property ceded to Rothschild.

The latest from the Cape says that on the 6th of January Cetewayo had not accepted Sir Bartle Frere's ultimatum, but intended fighting. Military steps have been taken to compel him to satisfy our demands; but the British commander waits until the 11th January for a complete submission; meantime he makes preparations for crossing the frontier.

A meeting of Indians resident in London is resolved to petition Parliament against India's paying the expenses of the Afghan war.

Rangoon, Jan. 27.—Colonel Wyndham, from Mandalay, formerly of the Calcutta *Charivari*, attempted an ascent in a balloon on Saturday evening, but immediately after arising the balloon burst, falling in the royal lakes. Colonel Wyndham was drowned.

Constantinople, Jan. 28.—The negotiations for the rectification of the Greek frontier has been opened at Preveza.

London, Jan. 28.—On February 29th Mr. Fawcett will move for a Select Committee to enquire into the existing control of actual expenditure of the revenues of India.

The case for the prosecution in the trial of the Directors of Glasgow Bank has concluded; the charges of theft and embezzlement have been abandoned. Consols 96.

Paris, Jan. 29.—Marschal MacMahon by persisting in his refusal to acquiesce in the army changes has virtually resigned. His formal resignation is expected to-morrow after the Senate and Chamber of Deputies have passed the vote of confidence in the Ministry, thereby intimating their approval of the proposed changes in the commands of Army Corps. A congress of the Senate and Deputies will then meet for the election of a new President.

Paris, Jan. 30.—At the Congress of the Senate and Chamber of Deputies to elect a new President in place of Marschal MacMahon, M. Grevy obtained 506 votes, and General Chanzy, next in order, obtained only 99. M. Grevy has been proclaimed President for a term of seven years.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 30.—An article in the *Golos* announces that Russia's action in Central Asia is only defensive. It depicts any further advance, and advocates concentration and fortifying districts occupied as the base of defense against England. Consols closed at 96 1/2, being a rise of 1/2 on previous quotations.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 31.—News has been received that the fugitive Amir is at the Russian frontier, and persists in proceeding to St. Petersburg despite the representations of Russia.

London, Jan. 31.—No defence was made for the Directors of the City of Glasgow Bank; only witnesses as to character were called. Potter and Stronach were found guilty as charged. The other Directors were found not guilty.

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Jalalabad, Jan. 17.—The latest news from Kabul, is that a Cavalry regiment has deserted en masse and disorder is increasing in the city, the troops which accompanied the Amir to Turkistan are now remaining there, as his nominal army are disaffected because Shere Ali left their families at Kabul but brought his own to Turkistan.

tors were found guilty of issuing false balance sheets. Sentence will be pronounced on Saturday.

London, Feb. 1.—A meeting was held at Blackburn yesterday, at which resolutions were carried protesting against the Indian import duties. Consols 96 1/2.

London, Feb. 1st Noon.—The sentences on the Directors of the City of Glasgow Bank are as follows:—Potter and Stronach eighteen months' imprisonment each; Taylor, Inglis, Wright, Salmon and Stewart eight months each. Prisoners' counsel urged in defence that they were not responsible for the false balances, and had no motive to falsify them.

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LI YANG-TSAI'S REBELLION.

The *Shen-Pao* (Shanghai) has received a letter from Haiphong, giving some more intelligence about the movements of Li Yang-tai in Tonquin. When he first crossed the border he was careful to allay the general apprehension of the public by paying full price for everything he bought. The Tonquin officials applied to the French at Haiphong for aid; and one hundred soldiers were lent to them, but were sent back shortly afterwards on account of difficulties in paying them. Li first made an alliance with a man named Tan, into whose stronghold he retired, taking his family there to put them in a place of safety. This stronghold lies between the shore and a tract of fertile country, surrounded by mountains, and only approached by a narrow path, which one man could hold against an army. On issuing from this place Li went first to Peining, a town with but a small population, and consisting merely of official residences and betel-nut plantations. He sent a messenger before him to say that he wished to see the Governor, and rode into the town with a small body-guard, leaving his army a few miles away. He told the Governor that he was in want of provisions and powder, and handed him two thousand taels to be spent in buying them. The Governor declined to make any purchases for him without authority from the Government, to which Li replied that the application would take longer time than he could wait, and that if the things were not forthcoming in three days he would help himself. Before the time elapsed the supplies were sent into his camp. Li then marched on Taiyuan, (a town about one hundred miles north-west from Haiphong). On his way he had to pass a town of great size called Lung-yung-tung. Though unwarlike, it is surrounded by a dense thicket and a large moat crossed by drawbridges, and is well supplied with artillery and skilled gunners. It had been unsuccessfully besieged by the black and yellow flag banditti. The townspeople refusing to let Li pass, he attacked the town, and took it on the fourth day, with a loss of more than four hundred men. Leaving a garrison there, he next marched to meet a Viceroy named Huang, who had been sent against him. The Viceroy, not considering himself strong enough, made an alliance with the black flag chief Lin. Lin, having only a few hundred men available, sent to Ling-shan in Kwangtung, of which District he, as well as Li, is a native, for five hundred recruits. Before they could arrive, Li engaged and defeated the Viceroy. The result of the battle is ascribed in great measure to the best of the Viceroy's elephants, which had formerly done good service, refusing to advance and standing motionless in front of the line till it was shot. Li afterwards endeavored to gain the friendship of Lin by writing to him, and by withdrawing his troops when Lin attacked him. Though he was unsuccessful in this, still three hundred of Lin's new recruits deserted to him in a short time. The yellow flag banditti had been won over to Li's side long before, and rendered him assistance by harrying the country on his flank.—*Shanghai Courier*.

A WATER SPOUT.—The British barque *Bel Stuart*, Capt. Harper, forty-eight days out from the port of Lerne, Ireland, put into Red Hook, near New York, on Dec. 9, after a tempestuous voyage. On the afternoon of Nov. 14, about 110 miles off Cape Sable, she was suddenly struck by a white squall, which swept her decks and caused great terror for the time it lasted. At 6 p.m. on the same day, with a fair wind, moderate sea, and all sail set, all hands being on deck, a strange noise like sighing in the air was noticed, although the barometer indicated a rising tendency. The captain and first officer were discussing these phenomena when, without a moment's notice, the sea forward seemed to

swell up to meet the angry sky, and swept the bark across her bows, carrying away her foretopmast with all its superincumbent gear, jibboom, foretopmast stays, and maintopgallant mast, and accompanying comparative wreck, lying in the trough of the tremendous seas which followed the water spout. Capt. Harper declares that two minutes before the catastrophe there was no indication of its approach and that its suddenness seemed to paralyze the crew. They managed with difficulty to navigate the dismantled vessel to Martha's Vineyard, where she had indispensable repairs made, and so were enabled to reach Red Hook.

A CREMATION which took place at Gotha, on the 10th of this month is described by a correspondent of the *Republique Francaise*. The body was that of M. Sier, a manufacturer and a great enthusiast for burning, who died about a year ago, and since that time has been obliged to wait patiently in the cemetery—first for the legal sanction of cremation, and then for the society which calls itself "The Urn" to arrange its apparatus. The ceremony drew together a large concourse of people, and about 500 were admitted into the chapel with tickets. The body arrived accompanied by the sounds of solemn music, and on entering the building this gave way to the plaintive chant of a German hymn. The head of the clergy of Gotha then delivered the funeral oration, and proceeded to speak of the position which he and his brethren had taken up in reference to the practice of cremation. He explained that if he did not then pronounce the benediction of the body it was only because this pious duty had already been performed by another priest at the time of the temporary interment, and not to show any disapproval of the present proceedings. On the contrary, the attendance of nearly all the clergy of the district was specially decided upon, for the purpose of publicly and solemnly manifesting their approval of cremation, and of declaring through him that they saw in it nothing contrary to the spirit of the gospel or to apostolic practice.

Quotations.

HONGKONG, February 21, 1879.

OPUM.—New Patna, cash, ... \$67 1/2

" Old Patna, cash, ... credit

" New Benares, cash, 54 1/2

" Old Benares, cash, ... credit

" New Malwa, cash, 810

" Old Malwa, cash, ... credit

" Allowance Tels, ... 810

" Allowance Tels, ... 810

Exchange.

Bank, Wire, ... 3/6

" 30 days' sight, ... 3/6

" 6 months' sight, ... 3/7

Mails.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSEAGERIES MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.
STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
POINT DE GALLE, ADEN,
COLOMBO, SUEZ, SMAILIA, PORT
SAID, NAPLES, AND
MARSEILLES;
Also,
BOMBAY, MAHE, ST. DENIS, AND
PORT LOUIS.

ON SATURDAY, the 22nd February, 1879, at Noon, the Company's S.S. **YANGTSE**, Commandant, NONDEDEU, with MALES, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 21st February, 1879. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, February 13, 1879. fe22

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamer **CITY OF PEKING** will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on MONDAY, the 24th Instant, at 3 p.m., taking Passengers, and Freight, for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States via Overland Railways, to Havanna, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

On THROUGH PASSAGES TO EUROPE, a REDUCTION OF TWENTY PER CENT from Regular Rates is granted to OFFICERS OF THE ARMY AND NAVY, and MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL AND CONSULAR SERVICES IN COMMISSION.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. of 23rd Instant. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Overland Cargo should be sent to the Company's Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 9, Praya Central.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, February 14, 1879. fe24

STEAM FOR

SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, MALTA, BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, SOUTH-AMPTON, AND LONDON;

Also, BOMBAY, MADRAS, AND CALCUTTA

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship **GWALIOR**, Captain J. C. BAKER, will leave this on SATURDAY, the 1st March, at Noon.

For further Particulars, apply to A. McIVER, Superintendent.

Hongkong, February 18, 1879. mal

Occidental & Oriental Steam-Ship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE, IN CONNECTION WITH THE CENTRAL

AND CONNECTING RAILROAD COMPANIES

AND ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. **BELGIC** will be despatched for San Francisco via Yokohama, on or about the 15th day of March, 1879, at 8 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers to Japan, the United States and Europe.

Connection is made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until 4 p.m. of the 14th March. PARCEL PACKAGES will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

A REDUCTION is made on RETURN PASSAGE TICKETS.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.

G. B. EMERY, Agent.

Hongkong, February 6, 1879. m116

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSEAGERIES MARITIMES.

HONGKONG AGENCY.

FROM Date Mr G. DE CHAMPEAUX Assumes the Management of the Company's Agency at this Port.

L. HENNEQUIN, Acting Agent.

Hongkong, February 13, 1879.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY OF Mr WALTER SCOTT FITZ, in our Firm in Hongkong and China, CEASED on the 31st December last.

Mr CHARLES VINCENT SMITH is admitted a Partner with this Date.

RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1879. fe1

NOTICE.

I HAVE admitted Captain EDWARD BURNIE to an Interest in my Business of MARINE SURVEYOR.

R. H. CAIRNS.

Club Chambers, Hongkong, February 6, 1879. mal

NOTICE.

MR. EZEKIEL ABRAHAM SOLOMON has been admitted a Partner in our Firm at this Port and in China, from 1st January, 1879.

E. D. SASSOON & Co.

Hongkong, January 24, 1879. fe24

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day ESTABLISHED myself as a COMMISSION MERCHANT, &c., at No. 2, Queen's Road, under the Style of "J. G. SMITH & Co."

J. GRANT SMITH.

Hongkong, January 1, 1879.

TO LET.

TOGETHER OR SEPARATELY. THE DWELLING HOUSE, OUT- HOUSES, OFFICES and GODOWNS, Recently occupied by Messrs W. PUSTAT & Co.

Apply to LINSTED & Co.

Hongkong, February 15, 1879.

TO LET.

PORTION of a HOUSE, very suitable for OFFICES and DWELLING, also for a STORE, Queen's Road Central. Possession 1st March next.

Apply to LANDSTEIN & Co.

Hongkong, February 4, 1879.

TO LET.

IN the Houses on MARINE LOT 65, formerly known as the Blue Houses, situate on Praya East:—

FIRST FLOOR, No. 2, with possession 1st February.

HOUSE No. 4, Praya East, either the whole House or in Flats, with possession on the 1st April next.

As also, A FRONT and BACK ROOM in the DWELLING to the eastward of the Pier, with part of its spacious Verandah. Immediate Possession.

TO LET.

FIRST CLASS GRANITE GODOWNS, attached to Blue Houses at Wanchai, MARINE LOT 65.

Also, A SPACIOUS TIMBER YARD, close to the Wanchai Pier. Timber received on Storage or the Yard Rented.

For further particulars, apply to MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, August 15, 1878.

TO BE LET.

TWO Excellent STONE-FLOORED GODOWNS, on Marine Lot No. 10, Praya Central.

Apply to TURNER & Co.

Hongkong, August 1, 1878.

TO LET.

FIRST-CLASS OFFICES and GODOWNS, Nos. 64 and 60, Praya Central.

Apply to WO HANG, Nos. 6 and 7, Praya West.

Hongkong, January 2, 1879.

INSURANCES.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED.)

NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates on Marine Risks to all parts of the World. In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, Two Thirds of the Profit, are distributed annually to Contributors, whether Shareholders or not, in proportion to the net amount of Premiums contributed by each, the remaining third being carried to Reserve Fund.

J. BRADLEE SMITH, General Agent.

Hongkong, December 9, 1878.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE to the extent of \$45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein, at current local rates, subject to a Discount of 20% on the Premium.

NORTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

INSURANCES.

SWISS LLOYD TRANSPORT INSURANCE COMPANY OF WINTERTHUR.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, have This Day taken over charge of the Hongkong Agency, and are prepared to grant INSURANCE on MARINE RISKS at Current Rates to all parts of the World.

MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, February 10, 1879.

THE SCOTTISH IMPERIAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE on Buildings and on Goods to the extent of \$50,000, at the usual Rates, subject to an immediate Discount of 20 per cent.

Attention is invited to a considerable reduction in Premium for Life Insurance in China.

MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, August 13, 1878.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

Incorporated by Royal Charter and Special Acts of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1808.

CAPITAL £2,000,000.

THE Undersigned, AGENTS at Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE, to the extent of £10,000 on any Building, or on Merchandise in the same, at the usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20 per cent.

GILMAN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, July 6, 1875.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

MELCHERS & Co., Agents, Royal Insurance Company.

Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against the Risk of FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Insurances will be received, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposals or any other information, apply to ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co., Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Saigon and Penang.

Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance granted at the rates of Premium current at the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEES.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE, Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER of His Majesty King George The First, A. D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—

Marine Department.

Policies at current rates payable either here, in London or at the principal Ports of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.

Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

Life Department.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding £5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

ESTABLISHED 1824.

Capital of the Company £1,000,000 Sterling of which is paid up £ 100,000 " Reserve Fund upwards of £ 120,000 " Annual Income £ 250,000 "

THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai, and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, October 18, 1869.

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

Vessel's Name.	Anchor.	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Steamers.								
Albatross	4 c	F. Ashton	Brit. str.	366	Jan. 18	Douglas Lapraik & Co.		K'loon Dock
America	4 c	Graham	Brit. str.	1000	Jan. 17	Birley & Co.		
Argyll	4 c	Scott	Brit. str.	1271	Feb. 20	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Bombay	1 h	Scott	Brit. str.	749	Feb. 12	Kwok Acheong		
Brisbane	2 h	Riddell	Brit. str.	891	Feb. 11	Hibb, Livingston & Co.	Australian Ports	To-morrow
City of Peking	5 c	Berry	Amer. str.	5079	Feb. 20	P. M. S. S. Co.	Y'ham & San F'elco	Mails, 24th
Conquest	5 c	Scott	Brit. str.	317	Feb. 20	Kwong Lee Yuen		
Djemnah	5 c	Hernandez	Fch. str.	2288	Feb. 21	Messageries Maritimes	Shanghai	To-morrow
Douglas	5 h	Young	Brit. str.	861	Feb. 19	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Coast Ports	To-morrow
Emeralda	5 h	Oullen	Brit. str.	595	Feb. 21	Russell & Co.	Manila	Tug Plying
Fame	6 h	Stopan	Brit. str.	117	Feb. 21	H. K. & W'pon Dock Co.	Saigon	Costan Dock
Maharajah	3 k	Clark	Brit. str.	994	Feb. 11	Siemens & Co.		
Norna	3 k	Edmondson	Brit. str.	606	June 28	Kwok Acheong		
Ocean	4 c	Edmondson	Brit. str.	971	Feb. 1	Geo. R. Stevens & Co.	Australian Ports	5th prox.
Pacific	4 c	Hernandez	Ger. str.	643	Feb. 11	Siemens & Co.		
Pernambuco	5 c	Hyde	Brit. str.	48	July 18	Melchers & Co.	Saigon	23rd inst.
Sea Gull	8 h	Reeves	Amer. str.	1029	Feb. 12	W. H. Ray	Yokohama	Mails
Sunda	5 c	Reeves	Brit. str.	820	Jan. 9	P. & O. S. N. Co.		K'loon Dock
Thales	5 c	Girard	Brit. str.	1004	Feb. 19	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Yokohama	To-morrow
Tibre	5 c	Girard	Brit. str.	1660	Feb. 21	Messageries Maritimes	Yokohama	To-morrow
Ulysses	5 c	Thompson	Fch. str.	2459	Feb. 18	Utterfield & Swire	Yokohama	23rd inst.
Yang-tse	5 c	Nomdeddu	Fch. str.	2459	Feb. 18	Messageries Maritimes	Yokohama	To-morrow
Yottung	2 h	Goggin	Brit. str.	286	Feb. 11	Kwok Acheong	Yokohama	
Zephyr	1 h	Bauer	Brit. str.	286	Feb. 11	Russell & Co.	Yokohama	
Sailing Vessels								
Abbey Cowper	3 c	Carr	Brit. bgo.	609	Jan. 20	Meyer & Co.	Keelung	Wanchai P.
Agate	3 c	Pike	Amer. bgo.	620	Dec. 17	Vogel & Co.	New York	Cleared
Alben Bessie	4 c	Noyes	Amer. bgo.	620	Dec. 17	Rozario & Co.	Portland	
Alfreda	3 c	Pittaluga	Ital. bgo.	900	Jan. 17	Borneo Co., Limited		
Arabella	1 c	Pearson	Brit. bgo.	665	Feb. 4	Master		K'loon Dock
Boethron	3 c	Haje	Ger. bgo.	340	Jan. 25	Melchers & Co.		
Black Hawk	3 c	Hoyland	Amer. sh.	1128	Jan. 13	Vogel & Co.	San Francisco	
Black Watch	4 c	Kennish	Brit. bgo.	491	Dec. 6	Arnold, Karberg & Co.	Channel f.o.	
Channel Queen	3 c	Lacheur	Brit. sh.	609	Jan. 28	Edward Schellhass & Co.	Newchwang	Ab'deen Dock
Charles Maurean	3 c	Fraser	Fch. bgo.	869	Feb. 6	Landstein & Co.	Saigon & Mauritius	Ab'deen Dock
Charmer	3 c	Lucas	Amer. sh.	1333	Jan. 8	Order		
Christina	3 c	Capra	Nic.3 m.sc.	173	Dec. 18	J. dos Remedios & Co.		
Cooran	3 h	Chamson	Amer. sch.	188	July 16	W. H. Ray	Portland (Oregon)	
Coloma	4 c	Hall	Amer. bgo.	868	Nov. 13	Russell & Co.		
Conchita	3 c	Aras	Brit. bgo.	408	Feb. 13	Remedios & Co.		
Coroa	4 c	Pearson	Brit. bgo.	558	Jan. 6	Wieler & Co.		Con'tan Dock
Cresswell	3 c	White	Brit. bgo.	425	Feb. 17	Arnold, Karberg & Co.		
Davina	3 c	Scott	Brit. bgo.	425	Feb. 17	Arnold, Karberg & Co.		
Deux Freres	3 c	Chamson	Fch. bgo.	442	Feb. 2	Wieler & Co.	Newchwang	
Elizabeth	3 c	Ohlsen	Ger. bgo.	647	Feb. 17	Siemens & Co.		
Excelsior	2 h	Kloster	Ger. bgo.	283	Feb. 17	Melchers & Co.	Portland (Oregon)	
Formosa	4 c	Chewer	Brit. bgo.	744	Dec. 17	Rozario & Co.		
Forward	2 c	Vandervord	Brit. bgo.	499	Feb. 4	Wieler & Co.		
Hansa	3 c	Donsken	Amer. sh.	566	Dec. 1	Captain	Nagasaki	
Hattie N. Bangs	4 c	Donsken	Amer. sh.	566	Dec. 1	Captain	New York	
Hazelhurst	3 c	Goudy	Brit. bgo.	877	Jan. 18	Vogel & Co.	Victoria (V. I.)	
Helene	2 c	Goudy	Amer. bgo.	608	Jan. 1	Russell & Co.	Portland (Oregon)	
Herbert Black	4 c	Treat	Amer. bgo.	673	Jan. 2	Rozario & Co.		
Hermine	2 c	Meyer	Ger. bgo.	350	Feb. 15	Chinese		
Highlander	4 h	Hutchinson	Amer. sh.	1362	June 19	Vogel & Co.	Hamburg	
Holstein	3 c	Kuiper	Ger.3 m.sc.	281	Jan. 10	Vogel & Co.		
Humboldt	4 k	Stoll	Ger. bgo.	330	Feb. 10	Edward Schellhass & Co.	Touron	
Hyton Castle	2 h	Scott	Brit. bgo.	547	Feb. 6	Arnold, Karberg & Co.	Calao	
Invincible	4 c	Strickland	Amer. sh.	1459	Dec. 18	Meyer & Co.		
Irene	7 c	Yates	Amer. sch.	481	Jan. 18	Melchers & Co.		
James Shepherd	5 c	Madden	Brit. bgo.	849	Feb. 13	Meyer & Co.		
John R. Stanhope	7 c	Pelleburg	Amer. bgo.	408	Feb. 13	Arnold, Karberg & Co.	Saigon	
Julie	3 c	Lannay	Fren. bgo.	504	Feb. 12	Carlowitz & Co.		
Kirkland	2 c	Colledge	Brit. bgo.	453	Jan. 24	Wieler & Co.		
Large	7 c	Brown	Brit. bgo.	761	Feb. 13	Edward Schellhass & Co.		
Lota	8 c	Dudfield	Brit. bgo.	500	Dec. 24	Rozario & Co.		
Marquis of Argyll	8 c	McKeon	Brit. bgo.	1185	Nov. 10	Russell & Co.	San Francisco	
Matchless	4 c	Dawes	Amer. sh.	484	Jan. 1	Vogel & Co.	Honolulu	
Mignon	3 c	Soule	Amer.3 m.sc.	570	Dec. 10	Chinese		Ab'deen Dock
Morning Star	1 h	Michaelsen	Slam. bgo.	392	Feb. 9	Siemens & Co.		
Papa	3 c	Riese	Ger. bgo.	892	Feb. 12	Captain		
Paul Revere	3 c	Mullin	Brit. bgo.	549	Feb. 20	Melchers & Co.		
Penarth	4 k	Remington	Brit. bgo.	301	Feb. 11	Wieler & Co.		
Philippine	3 c	Scott	Brit. bgo.	301	Feb. 11	Russell & Co.		
Pilgrim	8 c	Fowle	Amer. sh.	966	Feb. 16	Edward Schellhass & Co.	Chefoo	
Prince Arthur	1 c	Wills	Amer. bgo.	296	Jan. 13	Rozario & Co.	Bangkok	
R. Fitzpatrick	4 c	Phelan	Amer. bgo.	580	Jan. 13	Rozario & Co.	San Francisco	
Ralph M. Heyard	4 c	Doane	Amer. sch.	605	Feb. 14	Captain		
Rosetta McNeil	4 c	Brown	Amer. bgo.	611	Dec. 10	Vogel & Co.		
Saga	4 c	Silversparre	Swed. bgo.	455	Feb. 16	Wieler & Co.		
San Lorenzo	3 c	Vidarte	Span. sch.	260	Feb. 7	Remedios & Co.		
Silver Eagle	4 c	Bichard	Brit. bgo.	908	Jan. 1	Adamson, Bal' & Co.	Portland (Oregon)	
Sullivan B. Allen	7 c	Taylor	Amer. bgo.	686	Jan. 26	Vogel & Co.		
Stonewall Jackson	4 c	Bartlett	Amer. bgo.	1102	Dec. 30	Arnold, Karberg & Co.		
Stracathro	8 h	Miller	Brit. bgo.	1159	Dec. 17	Vogel & Co.	London	
Strathmore	4 k	Hemsworth	Brit. bgo.	500	Dec. 21	Captain	London	
Sumaride	4 c	Tobiasen	Norw. sh.	943	Jan. 9	Vogel & Co.		
Sumatra	3 h	Crough	Brit. sh.	1090	Sept. 8	Russell & Co.		K'loon Dock
Sydenham	3 h	Miller	Brit. sh.	1063	Feb. 16	Vogel & Co.		
Taunton	2 c	Armstrong	Brit. sh.	687	Feb. 16	Siemens & Co.		
Thos. A. Goddard	4 c	Smith	Amer. bgo.	682	Jan. 24	Douglas Lapraik & Co.		K'loon Dock
Vicenta	3 c	Stremoya	Span. bgo.	518	Feb. 17	Remedios & Co.		
Wandering Minstrel	3 c	Stewart	Brit. bgo.	362	Feb. 17	Captain	Touron	Cleared
Wm. Phillips	3 h	Healy	Amer. sch.	592	Jan. 13	Captain		
WHEAMPOA								
Cordonan	3 c	Bertaud	Fch. bgo.	450	Feb. 4	Carlowitz & Co.	Nientsin	
Dolphin	3 c	Lillethal	Ger.3 m.sc.	238	Feb. 10	Wieler & Co.	Newchwang	
Echo	3 c	Togues	Brit. bgo.	369	Feb. 8	Arnold, Karberg & Co.	Chefoo	
Eve	3 c	Merceron	Fch. bgo.	327	Feb. 12	Meyer & Co.	Nientsin	
Helene	3 c	Volguardsen	Ger. bgo.	32	Jan. 18	Wieler & Co.	Nientsin	
Pacific Slope	3 c	Tank	Brit. bgo.	799	Jan. 19	Russell & Co.		
Paul Marie	3 c	Gallard	Fch. bgo.	324	Feb. 20	Carlowitz & Co.		
CANTON								
Envy	3 c	Crowd	Chil. str.	920	Feb. 18	M. S. N. Co.	Shanghai	
Yapco	3 c	Schulze	Brit. str.	782	Feb. 20	Siemens & Co.	Shanghai	